

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Congressman Charlie Wilson (OH-6) is pleased to announce that the U.S. Department of Education is awarding a \$297,550 grant to Buckeye Local Schools in Dillonvale, Ohio. The funding is through the Grants for the Integration of Schools and Mental Health Systems Program.

The money will be used to fund Buckeye's "Building Bridges" project. The project aims to increase student access to quality mental health care by developing innovative programs to link the local school system with the local mental health system. The program began eight years ago as a partnership with local county agencies including the Juvenile Justice Center, however the funding used to start the program had recently run out.

"Our school district is excited about this opportunity," said Mark Miller, Superintendent of Buckeye Local Schools. "It will enable us to continue social services that would otherwise have been cancelled."

"I'm proud of Buckeye Local Schools," Wilson said. "It would have been a shame to see such a wonderful program stop because of lack of funds."

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